

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A non-programmatic method for bootstrapping a user database from the web tier using pass-through server-provided form targets is disclosed. A "form target," 5 used in this context, is the submission destination of an HTML form, submitted via HTTP (typically this is called an "action" in HTTP). The "form target" is usually the name of a CGI script, or an alias to an ASP, Servlet or JSP on the server, which will handle a form request. When the user submits a form via HTTP, the application server will extract security data and then pass control back to an application success 10 target or a failure target.